

Dear Pharmacist,

Effective 2/1/2003, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) will implement quantity level limits as described below on all COX II's – Bextra, Celebrex, & Vioxx.

- A) All strengths of Vioxx and Bextra will be limited as follows:
34 tablets per month for Medicaid and PeachCare Plan Members, and 30 tablets per month for State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) and Board of Regents (BOR) Plan members.**
- B) Celebrex will be limited for members in all DCH plans to one capsule per day for all strengths, with one exception: If patient has a DMARD prescription on file within the last 180 days, then BID dosing will be allowed for 100mg and 200mg strengths, and will process online.**

In order to assist patients better, please review profiles for red flags such as Vioxx 12.5mg written BID x 30 days, and ask the doctors to write new prescriptions for 25mg QD. The BID dosage (60 tablets per month) will reject but the QD dosage (30 tablets per month) will process online.

If the required quantity is greater than 34 per month for both Medicaid and PeachCare or 30 per month for SHBP and BOR, a quantity level limit override must be requested through Express Scripts at 1-877-650-9340.

Sincerely,

Department of Community Health